

We claim:

1 1. A method of automatically creating Favorites in an Internet web browser
2 comprising the steps of:

3 monitoring the browser and producing a bookmark indication if it is (1)
4 communicating with a web site and (2) it is being used in a predefined pattern of activity at the web
5 site;

6 capturing the universal resource locator (URL) of the web site in response to the
7 bookmark indication; and

8 storing the URL in the Favorites list of the browser.

1 2. The method of automatically creating Favorites in an Internet web browser
2 as claimed in claim 1 wherein an identifying title is also stored with the URL in the Favorites list.

1 3. The method of automatically creating Favorites in an Internet web browser
2 as claimed in claim 1 further including the steps of:

3 compiling a database of URLs and categories of information that the URLs are
4 related to;

5 comparing the captured URL to the database to determine a category; and
6 storing the URL in the Favorites list in a folder identified with the category.

1 4. The method of automatically creating Favorites in an Internet web browser
2 as claimed in claim 3 wherein there are at least two categories associated with a single URL and the
3 URL is stored in the Favorites list in both folders identified with the two categories.

1 5. The method of automatically creating Favorites in an Internet web browser
2 as claimed in claim 1 wherein the URL is stored with an affiliate identification code.

1 6. The method of automatically creating Favorites in an Internet web browser
2 as claimed in claim 1 where in the web site is the site of a particular type of business.

1 7. The method of automatically creating Favorites in an Internet web browser
2 as claimed in claim 6 wherein the type of business is a retail merchant.

1 8. The method of automatically creating Favorites in an Internet web browser
2 as claimed in claim 1 wherein the pattern of activity is that associated with a purchase at the web
3 site.

1 9. The method of automatically creating Favorites in an Internet web browser
2 as claimed in claim 1 wherein there is a limit on the number of URL that can be stored in any folder,
3 and further including the step of deleting excess URLs.

1 10. The method of automatically creating Favorites in an Internet web browser
2 as claimed in claim 9 wherein URLs are deleted based on the last visit so that those which have not
3 been visited in the longest time are deleted first.
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1 11. The method of automatically creating Favorites in an Internet web browser
2 as claimed in claim 9 wherein URLs are deleted based on a user indication.
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1 12. The method of automatically creating Favorites in an Internet web browser
2 as claimed in claim 3 wherein a URL in the database may be associated with the URLs of at least
3 one particular category, and wherein the associated URL is displayed to the user in response to the
4 capture of a URL from that category.
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1 13. A method of advertising over the Internet comprising the steps of:
2 creating a database of URLs and categories of information related to the URLs so as
3 to associate each URL with at least one category of information;
4 listing in the database in a category an associated URL of at least one web site which
5 has information which is at least similar to the information of the category;
6 monitoring use of a browser and producing a bookmark indication if it is (1)
7 communicating with a web site and (2) it is being used in a predefined pattern of activity at the web
8 site;
9 capturing the universal resource locator (URL) of the web site in response to the
10 bookmark indication;
11 comparing the captured URL to the database;

12 storing the URL in the Favorites list in a folder identified with the category; and
13 displaying the associated URL when the book-marked URL is stored.

1 14. The method of advertising of claim 13 where in the captured URL is stored
2 in the database in return for compensation from the owner of the captured website.

1 15. The method of advertising of claim 13 where in the associated URL is stored
2 in the database in return for compensation from the owner of the associated website.